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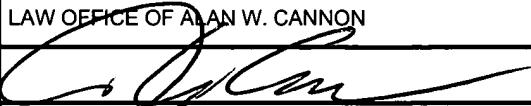
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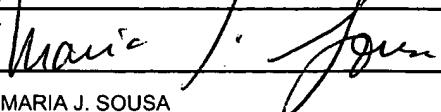
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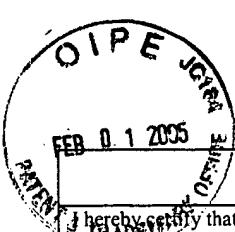
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT	Attorney Docket Confirmation No.	GUID-005DIV6 6516
Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	First Named Inventor	Benetti et al.
	Application Number	10/696,266
	Filing Date	10/29/2003
	Group Art Unit	3738
	Examiner Name	O'Connor, Cary E.
	Title	Surgical Instruments and Procedures for Stabilizing the Beating Heart During Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 4, 2005 for which a one-month period for response was given making this response due on or before February 4, 2005.

THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Official Action dated January 4, 2005, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions that the Examiner identified:

Group I – Claims 23-38 and 47-60, drawn to a stabilizing device; and

Group II – Claims 39-46, drawn to a method of stabilizing a beating heart.

The Examiner required election of one of the above-listed inventions in order to be responsive to the Office Action.

RESPONSE

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 23-38 and 47-60, without traverse.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that a proper response has been made to the Restriction Requirement., and that all of the claims in this application are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2653, order number G UID-005DIV6.

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